HONOURS BSC IN BIOLOGY
(RESEARCH FOCUS) - ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, BEHAVIOUR OPTION

Recent discoveries and new technologies are revolutionizing the biological sciences, placing increasing emphasis on integrating knowledge across all levels of organization, from molecules to ecosystems. Our programs give students both the intellectual tools and the hands-on experience they need to pursue careers in fields as diverse as conservation and endangered species; land-use management; ecotoxicology; academic, industry or government research; or health care. Learning takes place through traditional classroom instruction, innovative laboratory projects with state-of-the-art technologies, field-based courses around the world, and a strong research program in which undergraduate students of all years are intensively mentored in a research lab.

The honours program in biology allows for in-depth study in one or more biological disciplines. Students can concentrate on a particular area by choosing one of three options: Cellular and Molecular Biology, Physiology, or Ecology, Evolution and Behaviour. This route includes a compulsory independent research project to equip students with advanced research, analysis and communication skills applicable to diverse careers. Students thinking of a career in research should consider the Research Focus, an immersive research experience in the third and fourth years.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Requirements
The extended French stream is available with this program.

Compulsory Courses at the 1000 level
- BIO 1130 Introduction to Organismal Biology 3 Units
- BIO 1140 Introduction to Cell Biology 3 Units
- CHM 1311 Principles of Chemistry 3 Units
- CHM 1321 Organic Chemistry I 3 Units
- GEO 1111 Introduction to Earth Systems 3 Units
- MAT 1330 Calculus for the Life Sciences I 3 Units
- MAT 1332 Calculus for the Life Sciences II 3 Units
- PHY 1321 Principles of Physics I 3 Units

Compulsory Courses at the 2000 level
- BCH 2333 Introduction to Biochemistry 3 Units
- BIO 2129 Ecology 3 Units
- BIO 2133 Genetics 3 Units
- BIO 2135 Animal Form and Function 3 Units
- BIO 2137 Introduction to Plant Science: Biodiversity to Biotechnology 3 Units
- CHM 2120 Organic Chemistry II 3 Units
- MAT 2379 Introduction to Biostatistics 3 Units

Compulsory Courses at the 3000 level
- BIO 3122 Evolutionary Biology 3 Units
- BIO 3009 Research Practicum 6 Units

Compulsory Courses at the 4000 level
- BIO 4009 Honours Research 9 Units
- BIO 4158 Applied Biostatistics 3 Units
- BIO 4920 Seminar I Evaluating Science 1.5 Units
- BIO 4921 Seminar II Developing and Communicating Science 1.5 Units

Optional Courses
9 course units from:
- BIO 3102 Molecular Evolution
- BIO 3103 Field Biology
- BIO 3115 Conservation Biology
- BIO 3117 Ecosystem Ecology
- BIO 3119 Population Genetics
- BIO 3146 Ecophysiology of Plants
- BIO 3154 Population and Community Ecology
- BIO 3176 Animal Behaviour
- BIO 3310 Plant Systematics and Diversity
- BIO 3360 Computational Tools for Biological Sciences
- BIO 3924 Biology of Algae and Fungi
- BIO 4101 Pesticides and the Environment
- BIO 4111 Plant-Animal Interactions
- BIO 4122 Experiments in Animal Behaviour
- BIO 4146 Ecotoxicology
- BIO 4148 Phylogenetis Systematics
- BIO 4150 Spatial Ecology
- BIO 4156 Freshwater Ecology
- BIO 4159 Evolutionary Ecology
- BIO 4162 Tropical Ecology
- BIO 4537 Génétique évolutive humaine
- BIO 4551 Physiologie évolutive et écophysiologie
- BIO 4910 Field Course in Ecology

3 optional course units in English (ENG) at the 1000 or 2000 level
9 optional course units in biology (BIO), biopharmaceutical science (BPS) or environmental science (EVS), ITI 1120, BCH 3120, BCH 3125, BCH 3356, BCH 4122, BCH 4125, BCH 4188
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9 elective course units offered by the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Social Sciences or the Telfer School of Management

Elective Courses
18 elective course units

Total: 120 Units